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CABINET RUMORS.

George W. McCrary, who is spoken of as the possible successor of Justice Miller upon the supreme bench of the United States, when that provision, next December, introduced in the house of representatives at Washington the bill which was the initial step toward the establishment of the fearful and wonderful electoral commission which put Rutherford B. Hayes into the presidency. The subsequent history of Mr. McCrary shows that he was not forgotten by the beneficiary of his legislative act, for upon the organization of the Hayes cabinet he was made secretary of war, from which office he retired in 1879 to accept a judgeship of the United States circuit court for the district of Iowa. He resigned the latter position, however, to become advisory counsel of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company, and removed from Iowa to Kansas City, Mo., where he still resides.

It is a little singular that in all the cabinet states thus far promulgated no intimation has been given that it is the president's intention to recognize the far west. It has been proposed, for example, to promote Partner Miller from the attorney general's office to the supreme bench in place of the late Justice Stanley Matthews, Secretary Noble being transferred from the interior department to make room for "Ret" Clarkson, at present first assistant postmaster-general, in the cabinet. It cannot be said that the Pacific slope is without good cabinet material or that there is any dearth of aspirants for positions in the president's advisory board. Oregon has once been represented in the cabinet, and several of its republican citizens have every confidence that the state could again furnish an equally credible representative, at least. Colorado had the interior department for a time, but beyond these two none of the greater west has been honored with a position in the cabinet. California had strong claims upon President Harrison because, in spite of his weak record upon the Chinese question, it gave him a majority at the last presidential election, and the fact that those claims were not considered in making up the present cabinet has left a sore in the party of that state which it will be hard to heal.

However, as the Helena organ of the administration takes care to explain that the McCrary state is not official, it may be that President Harrison contemplates a proper recognition of the claims of the Pacific slope.

INSANE ASYLUMS.

In the disclosures that are being made regarding the management of the Cook County Insane asylum, near Chicago, sight is apt to be lost of the fact that most of the abuses complained of are not so much the fault of the officers of the institution as of the county board in refusing adequate appropriations. It has been shown in the course of the pending inquiry that the institution, while capable of accommodating properly only about 450, has been giving shelter to nearly 600. The result is what might have been expected. It has been impossible to properly classify the inmates, of whom it may be said that no two are just alike in their manias. The attendance is limited to comport with some crude notions of economy, and the buildings are too often shamefully out of repair and exposed to danger from fire.

These remarks are applicable to far more institutions than the one now under consideration, and the conditions noted have been the subject of much trouble to the philanthropists who have given the care of the insane their attention. Not the least of the evils complained of is that attendants in asylums are appointed, not because of any fitness they may have, but because they are or may be useful to some ward politician. When the time shall come for Montana to own its asylum for the insane it will be hoped it will be conducted upon principles of humanity as well as of economy. The welfare of the unfortunate is too often subordinated to other considerations.

The decision of the United States supreme court affirming the validity of the Scott Chinese exclusion act is far-reaching in its scope, and lays down the principle that it is quite within the power of congress to exclude any class of immigrants who may be deemed undesirable. This would empower congress to pass laws refusing asylum to the political refugees of the old world who

transfer their hostility towards the government under which they formerly lived to the government they now seek for shelter. It would also enable us to close our ports against the horde of ignorant and vicious who are constantly recruiting the Mormon church from the slums of Europe.

DON QUIXOTE BENNETT.

The statement that James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York Herald, has gone to Khartoum to ransom "Chinese" Gordon, the gallant soldier who was occupying the place when it was attacked and captured by the Mahdi and his army, may well be said to be "startling," for it is now four years and four months since the Sudanese false prophet and his army carried the city with the aid of the treachery of some of Gordon's native soldiers. No authentic account of the massacre that followed has ever been received, and at intervals the report has gained currency that Gordon was not killed, as was generally supposed, but that he was being held for ransom. The improbability of this theory has steadily increased as time has elapsed, for had it been true it is pretty certain that in 1885 has since died) who was Mahdi (he who has since died) would have endeavored to realize upon his valuable prize, for several times he has been in as desperate condition as need be, and the British government could not have afforded to delay a moment in paying any price that might be demanded for the ransom of Gordon, who risked (and doubtless lost) his life in the interest of English domination of Egypt. It is far more probable that Bennett's mission to Khartoum, if indeed he designs going there, is the outcome of a wager made when the blood was hot with wine. If he has really determined upon entering the stronghold of the Mahdi the chances are that he will pay with his life for his temerity. There is nothing to be made by such an enterprise, and it could only be the conception of a madman. Mr. Bennett's mind has conceived and his wonderful resources have enabled him to carry out some enterprises that have resulted in the advancement of science, and it would be a pity to see him throw himself away or even to waste his superb energies upon a foolhardy expedition to Khartoum.

AFTER the exhibitions of partisanship that were given by the sixteenth legislative assembly of Montana, it is matter for congratulation that the election for members of the constitutional convention resulted in the choice of a majority of democrats. There will be no attempt to abuse the power vested in the majority, as there might have been had the election resulted otherwise.

TWO NEW YORK gentlemen set out ten days ago to ride on horseback from Harlem to San Francisco. The undertaking is not as serious a one as it would have been thirty or forty years ago, when it was no uncommon thing for men to perish in the attempt, but still it will be a trying one if the gentlemen persist in their purpose. The motive is merely a love of novelty and pursuit of health.

AS POPE LEO XIII. is in his eightieth year there is nothing surprising in the statement cabled across the water on Friday that he is dangerously ill. In fact any illness that may befall at his time of life may be said to be serious. He has been eleven years head of the Catholic church, and is the two hundred and fifty-eighth in the line from St. Peter.

A CURRENT news item notes the resignation of a Wisconsin pastor who had distinguished himself for vigorous denunciation of "dancing and other modern amusements." The writer of the item must have come down to us from the stone age, at least.

GEN. GRANT never was a good public speaker. His son, the new minister to Austria, shows as little capacity in that direction as the general possessed at the outset of his public career. Thus far this is the only resemblance discovered between father and son.

COMPLAINT is heard that the first assistant postmaster general is permitting the work of removing democrats from the fourth class postoffices to lag. It is needless to add that the complaints come from republican sources.

Spokane, the Flyer.

The Montana Central railroad company have made arrangements to give to the people of Montana an opportunity of seeing the phenomenal race horse, Spokane, Montana's pride, at the races which will take place at St. Paul in July next. A rate of \$65 for the round trip from Helena to St. Paul and return will be made. For further particulars apply to city ticket office, Montana Central railway company No. 34 Granite block.

The Bee Hive is headquarters for men's underwear, hosiery, shirts, neckwear, handkerchiefs, etc.

Ho, for St. Paul Races.

The Northern Pacific railroad will make a rate of \$65 from Helena to St. Paul and return on account of the Twin City Jockey Club running meeting, to be held at St. Paul in July.

Tickets to be sold on July 21st, good to return until August 24. Go and see the great Derby winner, Spokane.

CHAS. FEE, G. P. & T. A.

A. D. EDGAR, General Agent.

Buy your dolls, wedding presents, birthday presents and toys at The Bee Hive.

The Last Act.

Adding to a long series of continued success, the Union Pacific again takes the lead in running superb dining cars on the solid Union Pacific and Northwestern train from Denver to Chicago. Meals, 75 cents.

"It's only a question of time," and a short time, too, as to when your rheumatism will yield to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

CONVENTION MEMBERS.

List of the Members Elected, so Far as Positively Known.

Below is given a list of the members elected to the constitutional convention. District No. 1, Park county; No. 12, Marysville district; No. 16, Madison county; and No. 20, Park county, are left out of the following list, from the fact that insufficient returns have been received from which to make a correct statement. As will be seen the democrats have already thirty-five sure, and if they carry the minority portion of the districts yet to hear from, they will have thirty-nine, a majority of three over all. The indications now are that the democrats will carry Madison and Park counties.

District No. 1, Beaverhead County—Fiddling S. Graves, democrat; Henry Knippenberg, republican; A. C. Witter, republican.

District No. 2, Chouteau County—Chas. E. Conrad, democrat; David G. Browne, democrat; L. W. Peck, republican; S. Mitchell, republican—tie vote.

District No. 3, Yellowstone County—C. R. Middleton, democrat; W. A. Burleigh, republican; C. H. Land, republican.

District No. 4, Cascade County—Paris Gibson, democrat; T. E. E. Collins, democrat; C. M. Webster, republican.

District No. 5, Yellowstone and Dawson Counties—Alfred Meyers, democrat; O. F. Goddard, republican; H. J. Haskell, republican.

District No. 6, Anaconda District, Deer Lodge County—J. R. Toole, democrat; G. S. Winston, democrat; H. R. Whitehill, republican.

District No. 7, Phillipsburg District, Deer Lodge County—David M. Durfee, democrat; J. F. Erickson, democrat; J. Beck, republican.

District No. 8, Deer Lodge District, Deer Lodge County—Edward Burns, democrat; J. C. Robinson, democrat; Conrad Kohrs, republican.

District No. 10, Gallatin County—Walter Cooper, democrat; L. A. Luce, democrat; Charles A. Hartman, republican.

District No. 11, portion of Yellowstone County—Edward Cardwell, democrat; Thomas Joyce, democrat; R. E. Hammond, republican.

District No. 13, portion of Lewis and Clark—Wm. Muth, democrat; B. P. Carpenter, republican; W. A. Chessman, republican.

District No. 14, first, second and third wards, Helena—Joseph E. Toole, democrat; Martin Maginnis, democrat; L. H. Hershfield, republican.

District No. 15, sixth and seventh wards, East Helena—Alex F. Burns, democrat; Milton Cauby, republican; A. J. Craven, republican.

District No. 17, Meagher County—Wm. Parberry, democrat; J. E. Kanouse, democrat; Louis Rottwitz, republican.

District No. 18, Missoula District, Missoula County—W. M. Bickford, democrat; W. R. Ramsdell, democrat; Charles S. Marshall, republican.

District No. 19, Stevensville district, Missoula County—Joseph E. Marion, democrat; Luke D. Hatch, democrat; W. J. Kennedy, republican.

District No. 21, portions of Jefferson and Silver Bow counties—J. E. Gaylor, democrat; W. M. Bullard, republican; Peter Breen, labor.

District No. 22, Sixth and Seventh wards of Butte and outlying precincts of Silver Bow County—George W. Stapleton, democrat; J. E. Richards, republican; Hiram Knowles, republican.

District No. 23, Walkerville district, Silver Bow County—Leonard F. Schmidt, democrat; Joseph Hogan, democrat; Wm. Dyer, republican.

District No. 24, First, Third and Fifth Wards of Butte—E. D. Aiken, democrat; T. T. Courtney, democrat; F. E. Sargent, republican.

District No. 25, Second and Fourth wards of Butte—W. A. Clark, democrat; W. W. Dixon, democrat; Charles S. Warren, republican.

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Seminary at Cincinnati and Mr. Kelsey graduated in 1848. He served several Presbyterian churches in southern Indiana and Ohio. In 1856 he was called to the superintendency of the missions for Ohio, of the Home Missionary Society, where he remained for eighteen years. After serving as pastor for several churches in Ohio, he came west in 1868, and spent a Sabbath in Helena, preaching for his son, pastor of the Congregational church. He has since been in the Home Missionary service in Oregon. He had a long and honorable career and held very important places of trust and usefulness. A son from Portland accompanies the remains for interment in the family lot at Columbus, Ohio.

Stop in at Raleigh & Clarke's and ask to see those handsome French novelties in ready-made tea gowns and director's street suits. They are certainly beauties.

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

The Montana Society of Civil Engineers Discuss Important Measures.

The regular monthly meeting of the Montana Society of Civil Engineers was held last evening at the office of E. H. Beckler, chief engineer of the Montana Central railway.

Gen. B. H. Green, president of the society, presided.

A communication was read from Geo. H. Robinson relative to the bill passed by the last legislature, providing for the inspection of steam boilers and the licensing of engineers of stationary engines.

Mr. Robinson pointed out the absurdity of the act in providing that the grades of licenses were regulated by the number of horse powers of the engines to be operated, and showed that the engineers of engines of large horse power occupied a less responsible position than many men running a small hoisting engine where the lives of hundreds of men were daily entrusted to their charge. He also objected to the cold water test of boilers as obsolete and as liable to strain a boiler beyond the elastic limit of the metal. The communication was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Robinson, Dause, Keerl, Kelley and Beckler to report at a future meeting.

Mr. Beckler read a paper from Col. J. T. Dodge, written in Italy on Ancient Roman masonry. The paper was very interesting and Mr. Beckler was requested to extend to Col. Dodge the thanks of the society with the request that he favor them with other papers on engineering subjects in the course of his trip abroad.

Mr. Beckler also read a paper on the subject of the attention of the society to several amendments in the bill prepared by the society relating to town and village alms and plats, which were made in the legislature, particularly to the clause providing that all plats should be approved by the board of county commissioners before filing. Owing to the long intervals between the meetings of the board, the proprietors of platted property were unable to file their plats and place it on the market as soon as they desired, and the society was being blamed for introducing an unreasonable provision in the bill, whereas the objectionable clause was an amendment inserted in the bill in the legislature. The society adjourned.

We are offering our entire stock of misses and children's cloaks, jackets and sweaters at precisely 25 per cent. reduction for the next week.

RALEIGH & CLARKE'S.

Contract.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Stephens, Bickford & Higgins, Missoula, M. T., up to the hour of 12 m., June 5th, A. D. 1889, for the erection of the Higgins Bank building. The plans and specifications can at any time be seen at the office aforesaid.

Contractors may give figures for the erection of the whole structure, or for any department of the work, at a tender or bid is given for the whole the contractors must stipulate the cost of each part embraced by the figures he may submit. The owners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Should further explanation or information be desired by local contractors they can get the same by calling at the office of the architects, Messrs. Paulsen & McConnell, rooms 34, 35 and 36, Pittsburgh block, city.

FRANK G. HIGGINS.

Chamber sets in all styles and decorations at The Bee Hive from \$3.75 to \$20. Call and see their line.

Excursions to California.

On the 15th day of every month the Northern Pacific Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco and return at \$75; to Los Angeles and return, \$84. These tickets have an extreme limit of six months from date of issuance and can be used any time within sixty (60) days from date of sale. Stop-overs allowed at any point desired, either going or returning—within limit of ticket. Excursionists have choice of two routes from Portland and Seattle, or by rail via the famous Mount Shasta route.

Bear in mind that the Northern Pacific is the only line running through sleeping and dining cars to the Pacific coast.

A. D. EDGAR, General Agent.

Ladies' handkerchiefs are selling at one-half the cost of manufacture at The Bee Hive. See their special ad.

San Francisco and Los Angeles Excursion Rates.

The Union Pacific railway company will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco and Los Angeles on May 15th, and the same date monthly thereafter at the following named rates:

To San Francisco going via Ogden and return same \$75.

To San Francisco going via Portland and return same \$76.

To San Francisco going via Ogden and return same \$77.

To Los Angeles going via Ogden and return same \$80.

To Los Angeles going via Portland and return same \$81.

To Los Angeles going via Ogden and return same \$82.

To Los Angeles going via Portland and return same \$83.

To Los Angeles going via Ogden and return same \$84.

To Los Angeles going via Portland and return same \$85.

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To Los Angeles going via Ogden and return same \$102.

To Los Angeles going via Portland and return same \$103.

To Los Angeles going via Ogden and return same \$104.

To Los Angeles going via Portland and return same \$105.

To Los Angeles going via Ogden and return same \$106.

WE'LL KNOCK 'EM OUT This Week, Sure!

25 DOZEN CHILDREN'S WAISTS, 17 1-c
20 DOZEN CHILDREN'S WAISTS, 25c
10 DOZEN CHILDREN'S FLANNEL WAISTS, 50c

NOT A GARMENT CAN BE BOUGHT IN A STORE IN THIS CITY FOR ANYTHING LIKE THE PRICE WE NAME.

50 PAIRS BOYS' KNEE PANTS (COTTONADE), 35c
50 PAIRS BOYS' KNEE PANTS (UNION), 60c
50 PAIRS BOYS' KNEE PANTS (WOOL), \$1.00

YOU CANNOT REALIZE HOW CHEAP THESE GOODS ARE UNTIL YOU SEE THEM. WE BEG YOU WILL NOT JUDGE THESE GOODS BY THE PRICE.

25 BOYS' SATINETT SUITS, \$2.00
25 BOYS' TWEED SUITS, \$3.00
50 BOYS' WOOL SUITS, \$4.00

EVERY ONE OF THEM ARE 'PLUMS.'

HARRIS, the Clothier. ONE PRICE. SQUARE DEALING

F.S. Lang & Co

A CAR LOAD OF

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Refrigerators

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& CO'S

STUFFING LIVE HENS.

A Process by Which Any Flavor or Color May be Imparted to Fowl's Meat.

Indianapolis News: The curious and ingenious proprietors of a Massachusetts avenue produce dealer may now turn in and advertise that they have the fattest and most delicious poultry that the American market affords. They have discovered the secret which has heretofore enabled their competitor to monopolize these claims.

And so has the reporter who had often remarked that the fat and overgrown appearance of the fowls which lazily strut in the dealer's side yard or adorn the frontispiece of his place of business.

Twice daily the fowls are driven into a shed on the premises. From this they always emerge stuffed until their hides will hardly hold them. Now when is such like a monkey, in that it has a false and true stomach. A monkey will eat voraciously for hours,